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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS AND US REDEFINITION PROPOSALS ON
RECORDERS - IL 1572

REFS: COCOM DOCS (73) DEF 1572/7, /16 AND /19 (DRAFT).

SUMMARY: US COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (B) WAS ACCEPTED
OCT 16 WITHOUT CHANGE BY AL DELS EXCEPT UK, HO RESERVED
AND PROPOSED OMISSION OF WORD "REPRODUCING." NETHERLANDS
PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (D) WAS ADOPTED. DISCUSSION WILL
BE RESUMED NOV 6. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED BY THEN. END SUMMARY

1. IN DISCUSSION OCT 16, US COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM
(B) WAS ADOPTED SAVE FOR WORD "REPRODUCING," WHICH UKDEL
PROPOSED TO DELETE. GERMAN DEL STATED HIS AUTHORITIES
AGREED WITH SUBSTANCE OF NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL BUT PREFERRED
US WORDING, BECAUSE THEY SHARED US CONCERNS ABOUT RELEASING
EQUIPMENT FROM EMBARGO, EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 OF (73) DEF
1572/16 AND STATE 177466. THEY COULD ACCEPT US SUGGESTION
FOR SUB-ITEM (D). RECORD OF DISCUSSION IS CONTAINED IN 1572/9,
DRAFT POUCHED EWT-GREGORY.

2. UKDEL, NOTING THAT USDEL HAD IN EFFECT OBJECTED TO FIRST
PART OF NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL, EXPRESSED UK DISSENT FROM
US REASONING IN REGARD TO SUB-ITEM (B). UK AUTHORITIES FELT
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IT NOT LOGICAL TO INSIST ON MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT ON LIST

I BECAUSE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT COVERED BY MUNITIONS LIST MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY BE DELETED FROM IT. TIME TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM WAS WHEN DELETION FROM MUNITIONS LIST WAS EXAMINED. THEY ALSO PREFERRED NETHERLANDS FORMULA FOR DEALING WITH SUB-ITEM (D) BECAUSE IT WAS BETTER TO HAVE MAXIMUM DETAIL IN ITEM ITSELF RATHER THAN RESORT TO IN'S AND SOU'S. FINALLY, WHILE DISSENTING FROM REASONING BEHIND IT, THEY COULD AGREE TO US FORMULA FOR SUB-ITEM (B), BUT WITH OMISSION OF WORD "REPRDUCING," WHICH THEY CONSIDERED SUPERFLUOUS AND POSSIBLY CONFUSING. USDEL EXPLAINED WORD HAD BEEN ADDED TO ACCOUNT FOR NETHERLANDS CONCERN THAT MASTER-MAKING EQUIPMENT USING LASERS NOT BE CONSIDERED EMBARGOED.

3. FRENCH EXPERT SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF "REPRODUCING", OBSERVING THAT TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUIPMENT WERE INVOLVED.

4. MAJORITY OF OTHER DELS FAVORING NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (D), AND USDEL BEING OPENMINDED, NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL ON THAT SUB-ITEM WAS ADOPTED.

5. COMMITTEE AGREED TO REDISCUSS ON NOV 6 US PROPOSAL ON SUB-ITEM (B) AND UK PROPOSED AMENDMENT THERETO. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN SUB-ITEM (D) ON STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING ALSO BE EXAMINED THEN.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON UK PROPOSAL TO OMIT WORD "REPRODUCING" FROM US LANGUAGE FOR SUB-ITEM (B). WE BELIEVE UK WILL NOT INSIST ON DELETION OF "REPRODUCING" IN VIEW OF GENERAL SUPPORT FOR US WORDING. NEVERTHELESS, WE TRUST WASHINGTON WOULD NOT WANT TO HAVE DUTCH PROBLEM REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND THAT, IN EXTREMEIS, WE COULD ACCEPT UK PREFERENCE.

B. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SOU. IN LIGHT OF US EXCLUSION PROPOSAL IN 1572(B) WE ASSUME WASHINGTON POSITION IN STATE 96077 REMAINS CURRENT.
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